

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Palumbo et al.

Application No.: Continuation Application of 09/754,988
(Filed January 5, 2001)

Filed: Herewith

For: **POLYMERS AND OTHER GROUPS ATTACHED TO PIGMENTS
AND SUBSEQUENT REACTIONS**

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.